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1. DEPARTMENT FINDS PROPOSED AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION
SESSIONS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY. HOWEVER, WE ARE UNCLEAR
AS TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ITEM 1 OF FORMER DRAFT AGENDA;
VIZ. REVIEW OF PRESENT COOPERATION. WHILE WE HOPE THAT
THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING OF PRIORITY WHICH IS TO BE
GIVEN FUTURE COOPERATION,THIS HAS NEVER BEEN UNDERSTOOD
TO PRECLUDE REVIEW OF PRESENT PROGRAMS, WHICH IN ANY
CASE IS LOGICALLY NECESSARY BEFORE FUTURE ACTIVITIES CAN
BE CONSIDERED. PLACING REVIEW OF EXISTING PROGRAMS AS
FIRST ITEM ON DISCUSSION AGENDA WAS NOT INTENDED TO
REFLECT ITS PRIORITY, BUT ONLY LOGICAL NEED TO CONSIDER
IT FIRST.

2. RE TREATMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY UNDER TOPICS
LIST, WE BELIEVE CONFUSION MAY HAVE ARISEN IN PART FROM
LANGUAGE OF PARA 3 OF REF D. STATEMENT THAT "WE WOULD

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HOPE TO COVER BOTH GOVERNMENT-INDUSTRY COOPERATIVE

PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THOSE OF AIST, AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER BETWEEN FIRMS" WAS NOT INTENDED TO IMPLY THAT EITHER U.S. OR JAPANESE SIDE SHOULD PRESENT UNDER THIS HEADING INFORMATION ON SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF SPECIFIC INDUSTRY TO INDUSTRY PROGRAMS OR OF INDUSTRY R&D PROGRAMS, BUT RATHER INFORMATION ON THE NATURE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE INDUSTRY-TO-INDUSTRY MECHANISM IN EXCHANGING TECHNOLOGY. U.S. SIDE WILL ACQUIRE INFORMATION ON INDUSTRY R&D FROM VISITS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH INDUSTRY REPS. WE WOULD BE SATISFIED IF JAPANESE PRESENTATION UNDER THIS HEADING WERE CONFINED TO GOVERNMENTS PROGRAMS (I.E. AIST) ON APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, WITH U.S. PRESENTATION BEING LARGELY, AS EXPLAINED REF D ON NATURE AND IMPORTANCE OF MECHANISMS PROVIDED THERE IS CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT DURING DISCUSSION OF ROLE OF INDUSTRY UNDER DISCUSSION AGENDA, ALL MATTERS REFLECTED IN PARA 3 OF REF D CAN BE CONSIDERED. AS DISCUSSED REF C, BASIC INTENTION OF ITEM 9 OF TOPICS LIST WAS TO PROVIDE FOR PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION ON GOVERNMENT R&D PROGRAMS ON APPLIED AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, NOT OTHERWISE COVERED, WHILE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION ITEM ON ROLE OF INDUSTRY WAS TO EXPLORE MECHANISM OF INDUSTRY COOPERATION, AND PARA 3, REF D ADMITTEDLY BROADENED THIS SOMEWHAT. NEVERTHELESS, WE CONTINUE TO BE PERPLEXED BY JAPANESE RESERVATIONS ON INDUSTRY QUESTION, IN VIEW OF CLEAR STATEMENT IN AGREED RELEASE, WHICH THEY DRAFTED, THAT REVIEW WOULD "EXPLORE THE ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTORS IN BOTH COUNTRIES."

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